

I have owned an XM Satellite Radio for over two years and believe it is a vital component of my news, information and entertainment infrastructure. I benefit from listening to XM Satellite Radio and its traffic and weather channels. Satellite radio provides variety and quality that are not available anywhere on the radio dial. I pay for these services and it should not be up to the National Association of Broadcasters to dictate what I am permitted to purchase and hear. I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

Given the fact that there are at least 10 (and probably at least 2 times that number) radio-based providers of weather and traffic information in the New York City area where I reside, I believe that the proposed restriction is nothing more than an anti-competitive swipe at satellite broadcasters and their effort--notwithstanding the mighty efforts of certain radio station conglomerates--to diversify the airwaves.